

16th Judicial District Recovery Courts Report

February 23, 2015

- Attached to this report is the contract funding agreements from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for FY15 related to ADAT and SPOT funding. This funding allows this Department to bill for services provided to those individuals in our programs that do not currently have insurance.
- Attached to this report are the Department's updated Policies and Procedures Manuals, excluding the referenced attachments, for the Drug Court and DUI Court programs.
- Attached to this report is the Drug Court and DUI Court statistics for FY2015 to date.
- We are currently working on next year's budget, and we are in the process of preparing for four (4) upcoming program audits scheduled to take place in March (three audits in March) and June of this year related to this Department's program operations, internal controls, and policies and procedures. The main objective of the audits appear to focus on ensuring that the Department's policies and procedures are up to date, grant reporting requirements are being submitted, compliance of program rules according to State guidelines, financial compliance in all areas, Title VI compliance, safeguarding of participants information, etc.
- Also, the Department is in the process of trying to develop a Veteran's Court and hope to have a pilot program developed as quickly as possible; pending the approval of this Committee and the Commission. We are still trying to identify and secure outside funding for the program if possible. Training for the new Veteran's Court program will be administered by the Federal Bureau of Justice Administration, Justice for Vets, and will take place September 9-11, 2015. There is quite a bit of support for this program in this community and Deputy Mayor Jeff Davidson has done a wonderful job of finding resources and information for us to review while we are performing our due diligence in setting up this new recovery court. The Veteran's Court planning team observed the Montgomery County's Veteran's Court on February 3, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



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